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"The Siriono are unable to count beyond 3. In counting to 3, however, the following words are employed: komí (1), yerémo (2), yeremóño (3). [48] Everything above 3 becomes either etubenía (much) or eáta (many).

In counting, the fingers are sometimes employed to illustrate the desired number by placing one, two, or three of them on the nose. In indicating any number above 3, in addition to saying 'many,' the fingers on one or both hands may be held up, or, if the number is very great, the toes may be thrown in to boot. For instance, when a returning hunter is asked some such question as 'How many turtles did you find?' if the answer is below four he will hold up the appropriate number of fingers to his nose and say the number; if it is above three he may hold up a confused number of fingers and just say 'many'; if it is very great he may demonstrate his toes as well.

The inability to count beyond 3, however, does not mean that an absence of one object from among a large number will not be noted. A man who has a hundred ears of corn hanging on a pole, for instance, will note the lack of one ear immediately. Thus the mathematics of the group, when it comes to counting above 3, at least, seems to be based on some kind of Gestalt; whether something has been added to or subtracted from the visible total will be known because of a change in configuration."